Truckers Convoy and Protective Services

Key Messages – February 11, 2022 1:30 PM

- Good afternoon.

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- The CIG has representatives from CSIS, OPP, OPS, SPVG, SQ, MRC des Collines, and others as needed. These are in addition to the various RCMP embeds, which include the Protective Intelligence Unit and analysts from National Division, Federal Policing National Security, Federal Policing's Threat Assessment Section, and Federal Policing National Intelligence.

- Outside of the CIG, the Ideologically Motivated Criminal Intelligence Team (IMCIT) at RCMP Headquarters was created to focus on the ideologically motivated threat landscape and how this impacts the public order space. At this time, the IMCIT has focused their effort into understanding the national threat picture on the converging issues related to the Freedom Convoy – in Ottawa, nationally and internationally.

- The IMCIT provides context and assessments on these issues, and looks at things through a national and international lens, which is not currently being covered by others in this space.

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- All of this intelligence work enables the officers on the ground to be made aware of any potential movement locally, new convoy developments across the country, and any discernable planning being touted through open sources and social media.

- It also allows for the RCMP to maintain its close protection stance, and thwart potential national security incidents, while also informing leadership of the threat and behaviours of convoy participants.

- Despite our very best efforts, this is not perfect and there will always be gaps. That is because this is more of a movement as opposed to an organized group or groups. This makes intelligence hard when we are dealing with protests set up via Facebook, Twitter and other platforms with a call to just show up.
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- With respect to the situation in Ottawa, there are no significant updates from yesterday. The number of people and vehicles in the downtown core are generally holding at what they have been all week. I do expect we will see an influx of demonstrators this weekend.

- The Integrated Planning Cell continues to meet on the Ottawa Police plan and associated resource requirements.

- On the issue of resources, as of this morning almost 300 members from the RCMP were made available, but Ottawa Police indicated that they could not use all of them.

    - Day shift: 47 on duty, 71 on OR

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- Night shift: 59 on duty, 116 on OR

- We have also deployed a Public Order Unit to Windsor to support efforts there.

- While I am sure my CBSA colleagues will have details to add, I can speak to the police presence in Windsor. Last night, jersey barriers were set up to better contain the vehicles.

- I shared yesterday that enforcement action was being planned for this morning. This has been put on hold as a nearby high school closed for today so that students could attend the protest. Having young people on-site did not make for a safe environment to conduct any significant enforcement activity.

- Several logistical items still need to be addressed: mobilising Public Order Units took longer than expected, the plan is now to coincide with the demonstration in Toronto, the court injunction is not awarded yet, and a tow plan and traffic plan are being formed to sustain opening.

- This morning protestors did open up a lane in each direction, although the police still have the roadway closed to all traffic until this is resolved as it is unsafe for traffic to travel in these lanes with protestors close by. Discussions were ongoing as of late this morning to reopen all lanes.

- As for the counter protest planned for today, it is still scheduled to take place, and OPP's Public Liaison Team is talking with the organizer.

- The City of Windsor has offered alternate locations for the protestors (park and side streets).

- As you are aware, Premier Ford has declared a State of Emergency in the province, announcing it is illegal to block international border crossings, the 400 series of highways, ports, bridges, and roadways. It is also illegal to impede

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or block access of public transit and health care centres. Significant sanctions are to be imposed.

- We will have to see what impact this has on Ottawa and Windsor.

- In Coutts, the situation also remains the same as yesterday – the POE is blocked. Enforcement plans being worked on, and investigators are trying to figure out the dynamics of the persons involved and their connections. The Del Bonita POE is very busy, with a 170% increase in traffic, as vehicles using that POE for access to US.

- There is the potential for a request by the RCMP to close the Coutts POE. There are reports of a 5 tractor trailers from the US driving to Canada. Discussions are ongoing as to whether this step is required to prevent security concerns.

- The need for heavy equipment (truck/tractor) tow capacity is still needed at the Coutts Border blockade. We currently have one heavy unit available from the City of Edmonton, and one light unit and flatbed from the Calgary Police Service. All other efforts in Alberta have been exhausted, as well as efforts in neighboring provinces.

- We have scanned the country for units to lease, rent or purchase and this too has come up negative. The Premier is very upset and has indicated he will be reaching into Federal Ministers today. A request for CAF s.37 s.37 s likely pending.

- For Emerson, (update pending)

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- I also want to provide an update on suspicious packages in Nova Scotia. Three more packages have been received, in addition to two earlier this week. Investigations are underway.

    - The Officials are (new in red):
        - Rick Perkins – Conservative Party (St. Margarets)
        - Christ D'Entremont – Conservative Party (Yarmouth)
        - Andy Fillmore – Liberal Party (Halifax)
        - Darren Fisher – Liberal Party (Dartmouth)
        - Mike Kelloway – Liberal Party (Canso)

- Thank you.

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